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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of studies/surveys conducted by various institutes so far on Bias, Satluj and Yamuna rivers and revival of Rivalsar Lake of district of Mandi alongwith the total number of proposals pending with the Union Government;

(b) the details of outcome of such studies/surveys thereon;

(c) the reasons for not allocating funds to the concerned institutes so far; and

(d) the time by which funds will be allocated for them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) Rivalsar lake in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh is one of the 68 identified wetlands in the National Wetland Conservation Programme of the Ministry. The State Government had submitted a management action plan at a cost of Rs. 9.20 lakhs for a period of one year. The proposal was not found suitable and the Government of Himachal Pradesh has been asked to submit a comprehensive management action plan for the lake.

Studies on rivers Beas, Satluj and Yamuna are being regularly carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board through the State Pollution Control Boards for monitoring the water quality of these rivers. Under the ongoing National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) of the Ministry, water quality monitoring of rivers Satluj and Yamuna is also being carried out by Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala and Central Pollution Control Board. Based on these surveys, works for abating pollution along polluted stretches of rivers Satluj and Yamuna have been taken up under the NRCP in 6 towns of Punjab along river Satluj as well as 8 towns of Haryana, 8 towns of UP and Delhi along river Yamuna.

A proposal was received in the year 2000 from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for taking up pollution abatement works in 11 towns along river Beas under the NRCP. The Government of Himachal Pradesh have been asked to prepare Detailed Project Reports with firm costs and following an integrated approach with 70:30 cost sharing between the Central and State Government. A proposal for inclusion of Paonta Sahib along river Yamuna was also received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the context of preparation of Plan by IIT, Roorkee for coverage of important water bodies in addition to the schemes already approved under NRCP. Due to acute shortage of funds in the X Plan under NRCP, it has not been possible to take them up for implementation.